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SUBJECT: SCHMIDT-GISCARD MEETING IN PARIS

1. A SOURCE IN THE CHANCELLERY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON WHAT TRANSPIRED BETWEEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT GISCARD WHEN THEY MET IN PARIS ON SEPTEMBER 2. THE PRINCIPALS AGREED TO KEEP THE CONTENT OF THEIR CONVERSATION CONFIDENTIAL, AND THEY ARE DOING JUST THAT. OUR SOURCE SAID THERE WAS AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ABOUT CONCEPTS OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION - REPORTEDLY THE FOCAL POINT OF THE MEETING -BUT NO CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED. THE FRENCH INTEND TO ELABORATE FURTHER ON THEIR IDEAS, AND A FULLER DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN THE CONCEPTS HAVE BEEN FLESHED OUT.

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2. THE FRG CABINET WAS ONLY INFORMED TODAY ABOUT THE

CHANCELLOR'S MEETINGS WITH THE ITALIAN AND FRENCH LEADERS. AT THE MEETING, WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY SCHMIDT, THE CHANCELLOR WAS REPORTED TO HAVE INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD IS MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT TO CONCENTRATE ON EUROPEAN PROBLEMS.

3. SCHMIDT HAS DONE NOTHING TO DAMPEN SPECULATION THAT THERE WILL BE AN EC SUMMIT MEETING SOMETIME LATER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, IN A JOCKULAR TONE, HE WARNED REPORTERS ABOUT CONSTANTLY REFERRING TO EC "SUMMIT MEETINGS," INDICATING THAT THEY SHOULD USE MORE NORMAL LANGUAGE IN REFERRING TO SUCH MEETINGS.
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